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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Eva Sevick-Muraca et al.
Serial No.: 09/870,144
Filed: May 30, 2001
Group No.: 3737
Examiner: Baisakhi Roy
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Confirmation No.: 9131
Title: IMAGING OF LIGHT SCATTERING TISSUES WITH
FLUORESCENT CONTRAST AGENTS

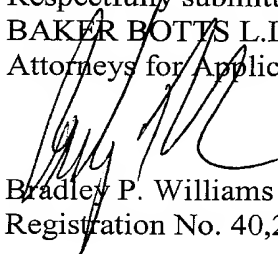
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-16. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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